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ATC Auctions 25 Alcohol Permits Today

INDIANAPOLIS (Oct. 30) – The Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission auctioned 25 alcoholic-beverage permits for \$226,750.00 at its annual auction today.

The permit auction, which is required by Indiana law, was open to qualified bidders. All 25 permits auctioned this morning were made available after being made inactive for various reasons, including revocation, failure to renew, surrender or abandonment. Indiana law mandates that the ATC auction these permits at least annually.

A successful bid at the auction merely allows the bidder to apply for the appropriate permit. Successful bidders must still go through the normal application process. This process includes a hearing before a local alcoholic-beverage board in the county in which the permit would be located. At this public hearing, members of the local community may testify for or against the permit's issuance.

After the local board makes a recommendation to approve or disapprove the permit's issuance, the ATC then reviews the application and the local board's recommendation and decides whether the applicant should be issued the permit.

Indiana law requires that most alcohol permits are issued based on population. As a result, nine out of 10 years have relatively few permits available at auction.

A complete list of today's auction results can be found online at: <http://www.in.gov/atc/iseip/2365.htm>.